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SUBJECT: KRSKO NUCLEAR PLANT CONSTRUCTION

1. ACCORDING TO WESTINGHOUSE PROJECT MANAGER, PARSONS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF KRSKO NUCLEAR STATION HAS JUST MET A SERIOUS DELAY. ALL WORK ON PIPING WAS STOPPED MAY 4 BECAUSE OF FAULTY WELDS AND DIRTY PIPES. SOURCE OF PROBLEM IS THE INSPECTORS WHO HAVE BEEN LAX OR UNWILLING TO REJECT THE WORK OF THEIR COLLEAGUES. ALL WELDS MUST BE RECHECKED AND PIPES CLEANED. NEW INSPECTION TEAMS ARE BEING FORMED AND FOREMEN ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO EVERY 10 MEN.

2. PARSONS UNABLE TO SPECULATE HOW LONG PROJECT WILL BE DELAYED AS HE HAS NEVER RUN INTO A PROBLEM OF THIS KIND THAT FORCED HIM TO STOP WORK. IN ANY CASE, THE RE-INSPECTION AND REPAIR MUST BE MADE AS "PLANT WOULD NOT OPERATE" GIVEN PRESENT CONDITION OF THE PIPING.

3. COMMENT: PARSONS SOUNDED VERY PESSIMISTIC. KRSKO COMPLETION DATE, WHICH YUGOSLAVS CLAIM IS END OF 1979, MAY BE PUSHED BACK BEYOND PRIVATE WESTINGHOUSE ESTIMATE
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